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1.   ACCORDING TO SWA ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS IN
WINDHOEK, RIOT IN KATATURA MARCH 7 (REFTEL) RESULTED
FROM INTER- TRIBAL FRICTION BETWEEN OVAMBOS AND
KAVANGOS. HOWEVER, THIS VERSION PROBABLY INCORRECT.

2.   RELIABLE SOURCES WHO TALKED TO AFRICAN WORKERS
WHO PARTICIPATED IN RIOT, SAY THAT VIOLENCE BEGAN
AFTER DR. MONANUS KAMPUNGU, A KAVANGO TRIBAL LEADER,
TRIED TO CONVINCE GATHERING OF KAVANGO WORKERS
IN MIGRATORY WORKERS' COMPOUND TO OBEY AUTHORITIES
AND NOT CAUSE GOVERNMENT ANY TROUBLE. HE WAS ALSO
DRUMMING UP SUPPORT FOR PRIME MINISTER VORSTER' S
ADVISORY COUNCIL. HOWEVER, OVAMBO WORKERS, WHO CON-
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 STITUTE ABOUT 85 PERCENT OF WORKERS IN COMPOUND,
WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.   THEY RESPONDED ANGRILY
AND BEGAN THROWING STONES.   KAPUNGU WAS ROUGHED
UP BEFORE HE MANAGED TO GET AWAY.   STONE THROWING
 CONTINUED FROM 8:30 P. M. UNTIL MIDNIGHT AT WHICH TIME
MUNICIPAL OFFICE IN COMPOUND WAS BURNED DOWN.   WORKERS THEN
RESUMED RAMPAGING UNTIL ABOUT 3:00 A. M. MARCH 8.   GIVING LIE
TO GOVERNMENT' S CLAIM THERE WAS FRICTION BETWEEN OVAMBOS AND
KAVANGOS WAS FACT THAT NOT ONE WORKER INJURED.

3.   GERMAN CONSUL LEONHARD KREMER OBSERVED TO POL COUNSELOR IN
WINDHOEK MARCH 13 THAT KATATURA RIOT CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT YOUNGER
MEN DO NOT AGREE WITH THOSE TRIBAL AUTHORITIES WHO SUPPORT SAG
POLICIES.
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